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Panorama event

Shore brings comedy to Southwestern

By Megan Alexander
Staff Reporter

"Juicy, smiley and squashy."

That is how Pauly Shore describes Oklahomans. That is how Pauly Shore thinks.

Students will hear more of Shore's thoughts when the comedian visits Southwestern at 7:30 p.m. tonight as part of the Panorama series. The event is in the Fine Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$20 for non-students and \$25 at the door.

Speaking last week from his house in California, Shore said he is ready for the event, although...

"I don't know where Weatherford is."

But he's got a mental image of it.

"I picture a lot of smiling faces," Shore said.

Shore has seen a lot of smiling and laughing in his life, which has revolved around comedy. His mother and father owned The Comedy Store, and his father was also a stand-up comedian. After graduation from Beverly Hills High School, Shore became a



video host for MTV in 1989.

Shore's popularity grew as his unique language (think "weasel") caught on with MTV viewers. He turned his fame into a television show and several movies

— *Encino Man*, *In the Army Now* and *Son-in-Law*.

However, Shore's main job is stand-up comedy. College Music Journalists named his first album the best comedy album of the year. Shore has toured off-and-on for over a

decade.

For his stand-up show, he gets his material from life experiences.

"This way no one can steal my act," Shore said.

When Shore has free time off stage, he likes to go the gym, watch CNN, and travel to Mexico, Hawaii and...Oklahoma?

"Boomer Sooner," Shore said.

Maybe he does not travel much to Oklahoma. But he likes the Oklahomans he has met.

"People from Oklahoma like to have fun and are good people," Shore said.

Shore did not go to college, but may take some classes someday.

"I was going to be a bi-polar scientist," Shore said. "I started, but never finished."

Instead, Shore is a life-long comedian. His experiences translate into advice for college students.

"Find something that you can see yourself doing when you are 60, because work becomes your life," Shore said. "Be passionate about what you do, and don't do it for money."



Professor Midge Gerber cares for the plant she keeps in her office. (Photo by Kristy Wilson)

Students, staff seek tips for spring gardens

By Ariana Farris
Staff Reporter

A little soil and a little time could provide students with a new hobby this spring.

Gardening, an art and hobby accepted around the world, includes growth and care thrown together with a little responsibility.

Students have a good source of information with Dr. Bill Seibert, professor of biology and local gardening expert.

Seibert said the planting season has already begun. People could plant vegetables such as onions, peas, spinach, carrots, leaf lettuce, broccoli and cabbage as early as Valentine's Day.

Some simple tips will increase vegetable production. For example, St. Patrick's Day is known as the traditional day for planting potatoes. When planting potatoes, face the eye of the potato up so that the stem can grow up and out of the earth in its search for sunlight.

All other plants, flowers and vegetables should be planted after the frost, which is generally around April 15.

Some tips to apply to all seedlings is to water the area everyday. If hot weather persists, watering twice a day is necessary. Cucumbers especially must be watered twice a day, for cucumbers require a lot of water, Seibert said.

Seibert said watering is essential in growing a garden. Students may want to plant tomatoes, okra and corn because these veggies are hardier and survive well under dry Oklahoma conditions, Seibert said.

Seibert said students need to be aware of what is planted next to each other.

"You may not want to plant hot peppers too close to green peppers. This might make the green peppers a little spicy," Seibert said.

Because of students' busy schedules, vegetables may be forgotten. However, students could grow flowers instead.

"Cactus, geraniums, petunias and marigolds grow well [in Oklahoma heat]," Seibert said.

When purchasing flowers and plants, there are two kinds: perennials and annuals. Perennials come back every year, whereas annuals only live through one season.

Flowers and plants are usually marked on their labels as to which type they are, however, Seibert has an easy way for students to figure out which is which.

"If it dies in the fall and doesn't come back it's probably an annual," Seibert said. "Or ask grandma."

When planting tomatoes, students can

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Practice teaching prepares students for the classroom

By Lynsie Baskin
News Editor

Danny Britton served as a fire fighter for 22 years.

Now, he is working as a student teacher in a public school classroom.

Britton, along with 93 other students, is completing his practice teaching assignment.

Vivian Fife is also student teaching this semester.

"I hope to gain the knowledge that will help me become a successful teacher," Fife said.

The practice teaching assignments began Feb. 4 and will end May 4.

Before these students could begin their student teaching, they had to complete several hours of observations in classrooms and take classes designed to teach students to plan and present lessons.

By completing their practice teaching, these students

are learning real-world skills that will help them be more effective teachers.

Britton hopes to gain "the ability to be a good classroom manager. Good classroom management is key to a good learning environment."

Both Fife and Britton have faced challenges their first few weeks in the classroom.

"You can have everything planned out, but then something comes up and your plan has to change," Fife said.

Fife said that she took her students outside to enjoy the nice weather rather than teaching her PE lesson inside.

Britton said the biggest challenge he has faced so far is learning to reach each student.

"They learn in different ways," Britton said. "The teacher must be able to connect to each style of learn-



Student teacher Sarah Bergman calls for an answer from her first graders at Burcham Elementary in Weatherford. (Photo by Amanda James)

ing."

Britton's long-term professional goal is to earn his Master's Degree in Administration and become a principal.

"Teaching is a profession where you never stop learning, this is one thing that really excites me about becoming a teacher," Britton said.

Britton said the opportu-

nity to go back to school after being out for twenty-plus years has been an experience.

"You don't realize how much you have forgotten when you don't use it much," Britton said.

"I have enjoyed every step of my journey to becoming a teacher," Britton said. "I look forward to teaching our future."

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plant marigolds in between the individual plants to help repel insects.

Preventing insects is a must when growing any type of plant, Seibert said. To detect an insect problem, examine the leaves of the vegetable, flower or plant and check to see if there are any holes.

“This means something likes them,” Seibert said. “When a leaf is rolled up, an insect will drill a hole in the leaf. When the leaf unrolls, the one hole made a bunch of holes.”

These holes mean the insect is eating the plant and an insecticide is needed to prevent the bugs from eating

a plant to death.

Many insects destroy plants. However some, like bees, help pollinate them. Some vegetables also need another plant of their kind to pollinate such as corn. Corn must have at least two plants side by side, or the plant will not produce ears of corn.

Besides insecticides, fertilizer is also important in gardening.

“Traditionally, manure is the best fertilizer, especially chicken manure,” Seibert said. “Be careful not to use too much chicken manure. It is very strong and could kill the plant.”

For more tips visit www.bhg.com or Dr. Seibert.

Arganbright wins guitar hero contest

Brandt Arganbright of Cordell won the Southwestern Guitar Hero contest held on February 28 at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union Ballroom.

After a rocking two-song set, Arganbright was chosen as the fan favorite, beating out the other 11 contestants.

Bryce Flowers of Sentinel finished in second place with third place honors going to

the team of Brad Yoder and Josh Elder of Thomas.

The finalists were selected through an audition process. In the contest the finalists performed songs from the popular Guitar Hero video game series on Playstation 2.

The Kappa Gamma Beta fraternity sponsored the event to raise money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Litsch and Davenport to be honored at AAUW luncheon



Kelli Litsch



Darla Davenport

The American Association of University Women Weatherford Branch will honor two women who are making a difference in the community at this year’s spring luncheon that is planned March 14 at Southwestern.

Honorees are Kelli Litsch, assistant athletic director and compliance officer at Southwestern, and Darla Davenport, assistant director of human resources at Southwestern. The luncheon theme this year is directed to understanding Title IX and how it affects the lives of everyone.

Litsch and Davenport will be honored at noon in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 and available by contacting Dr. Robbie

McCarty at 774-3265 or by e-mail at robbie.mccarty@swosu.edu. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Faye Henson, president of the AAUW chapter, said the luncheon is scheduled during Women’s History Month each year and has always honored women in the community who are making a difference.

Both Litsch and Davenport work in areas of the Southwestern campus where they impact the lives of women and men every day. They will share with attendees why Title IX is important to them and how it continues today to affect the lives of women/girls and men/boys.

Title IX affects access to higher education, athletics, career education, education for pregnancy and parenting students, employment, the learning environment, math and science opportunities, sexual harassment, standardized testing and technology.

Henson said the luncheon setting will be informal. The boxed lunch will be a triple-decker club sandwich, pasta salad, apple or other fruit, chocolate chip cookies, and water. Vegetarian plates are also available if requested when buying a ticket.

For more information, contact McCarty or Henson, who can be reached at 772-5984 or epita@cebridge.net.

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Stuff happening...

March 7

- * 8:00 am OSSAA Band Contest @ Fine Arts Center
- * 12:00 pm Identity Theft Seminar @ SC Skyview Room
- * 12:00 pm Noonday @ BCM
- * 3:00 pm Identity Theft Seminar @ EDU 204
- * 3:00 pm Sayre Campus Identity Theft Presentation @ SAB- 120
- * 4:00 pm Book Talk "Passive Fear" @ Library 2nd Floor
- * 6:00 pm Bulldog Blitz Tryouts @ CFC
- * 7:30 pm Panorama Event - Pauly Shore @ Fine Arts Center

March 8

- * 8:30 am Sayre Campus ACT Residual Testing @ SAB- 101
- * 12:30 pm Sororis Club
- * 7:00 pm Symphonic & Community Band Concert @ Fine Arts Center
- * 8:00 pm B.A.S.I.C. @ BCM

March 9

- * 9:00 am NSO Mini Enrollment BUH
- * 11:30 am Sayre Campus Rich Aimes, Hypnotist @ Patterson Field House
- * 12:00 pm Sayre Campus Med Tech Advisory Committee Meeting @ SCB- 313
- * 12:30 pm Sorosis Club
- * 1:00 pm Baseball vs Abilene Christian College @ Athletic Complex
- * 7:00 pm Sr Trombone Recital M101
- * Halliburton Interviews BUH
- * Men's Golf @ Drury University, MO
- * Rodeo @ Ft. Scott, KS

March 10

- * 12:00 pm Baseball vs Abilene Christian College @ Athletic Complex
- * 1:00 pm Softball vs UCO @ Athletic Complex
- * Men's Golf @ Drury University, MO
- * Rodeo @ Ft. Scott, KS

March 11

- * 1:00 pm WHS Wrestling Banquet @ SC Ballroom
- * 3:00 pm Sr Piano Recital M101
- * Men's Golf @ Drury University, MO
- * Rodeo @ Ft. Scott, KS

March 12

- * 8:30 am Lifetime Math @ CFC
- * 11:00 am PLC Meeting @ SC Skyview
- * 3:00 pm Language and Literature Department Meeting @ CAM 202
- * All Region Honor Band @ Fine Arts Center

March 13

- * 11:00 am- 4:00 pm MLB X-Box Tour @ Wellness Center
- * 2:00 pm Softball @ UCO
- * 2:00 pm Baseball vs SNU @ Athletic Complex
- * 6:00 pm All Region Honor Band Concert @ Fine Arts Center
- * 7:00 pm CE Activity Personal Safety Training - May 8 @ WEL 143

Deadline set for annual research fair

By Marie Smith
Staff Reporter

Students have until Friday to apply for the 14th Annual Research/Scholarly Activity Fair set for April 11, 2007

The event will take place in the ballroom of the student center and all students are welcome to apply.

"Anyone who is engaged in any research or scholarly activity is encouraged to apply," Johnson said.

Dr. John Hays, president of Southwestern, will be welcoming applicants on the set-up date, April 11. Students will have from 7:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. to get everything set up.

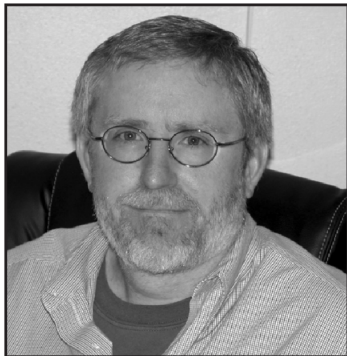
The actual presentations begin at 12:30 p.m. on, with

one presentation occurring every 20 minutes. The 20 minutes consist of 10 presentation minutes, 5 minutes for questions and a 5 minute intermission for the next presenter's preparation.

According to Johnson, the fair is a great opportunity for students to learn about many things.

"Student research is now recognized as an essential ingredient in undergraduate education. It fosters independent, critical and creative thinking skills, providing the unique opportunity to apply theories accumulated in various classrooms toward problem-solving in the real world," Johnson said.

Johnson said students can feel the excitement of being the first to make a discovery



Dr. Jason Johnson

results at the local level so that students can sharpen their skills in communicating findings.

"With such skills in hand, students are usually very confident in taking that next step onto the national stage," Johnson said.

The application is an online process only. The application is available at <http://www.swosu.edu/osp/fair/application.asp>.

The table space for posters and exhibits is 2' by 8' with a table cover and tri-fold loop backing blue background poster board that is 3' by 6' with a 1' by 2' header.

For more information or help with the online application, students can contact Dr. Jason Johnson at 774-3110.

SAB seeks candidates for election

The Oklahoma Student Advisory Board (SAB) is seeking candidates for election for the 2007-08 school year.

The SAB is a 7-member board established in state law to represent the viewpoint of all students in Oklahoma public and private colleges and universities to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education on policy in higher education.

The SAB serves one year term, and meets monthly year round, usually in Oklahoma City. The cost of travel is reimbursed.

Elections will be held at the Oklahoma Student Government Association Annual Conference this Friday and Saturday at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah Campus.

For further information please contact Cindy Dougherty, Dean of Students at Stafford 214 or call 580-774-3767.

Southwestern hosts successful blood drive

Southwestern's recent February blood drive was a big success and resulted in 231 people attempting to give blood.

Oklahoma Blood Institute Program Consultant Michelle Stinson said the efforts of Student Government Association blood drive chairperson Holly Bullington and the Southwestern football team, coached by Ryan

Held, ensured the success of the drive which resulted in 193 people actually giving blood.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute, a not-for-profit regional blood center serving more than 100 hospitals across the state, conducts five blood drives each year at Southwestern. The next drive is scheduled for April 9-10 in the Wellness Center.

Capitol day...



Collegiate Activities Board president Shameika Williams meets Lt. Gov. Jeri Askins during Higher Education Capitol Day last week. The day enabled campus leaders from across Oklahoma to meet state officials and discuss higher education issues.

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Celebrating Women's History Month

My favorite women

My original intent for this piece was to select one inspiring woman. That task turned out to be much too difficult. I finally narrowed my list to eight outstanding American women with admirable qualities.

Margaret "Captain Molly" Corbin went with her husband when he joined the Revolutionary War. She was helping load a cannon when a soldier was killed. She stepped up to take his place, loading and firing the cannon until she was injured in the shoulder, chest and jaw. The Continental Congress awarded her a soldier's pension that would last her lifetime, although that pension would only be half what a male soldier's would be. She is interred at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Why she inspires me: Her courage was so outstanding she was recognized by the Continental Congress. Corbin is just one example of the many women who participate in the war effort. I am amazed that she was able to step up and risk her life as she did. After reading her story, I have often asked myself if I would be able to do the same.

Elizabeth Jane Cochran used the pen name Nellie Bly when she became a journalist. At 23, she went undercover to do a story about a large institution for the mentally ill in New York City. She endured the same horrific conditions the residents did and wrote an effective article that led to funding and reforms for the conditions of the mentally ill. She continued

to write compelling articles that explored social ills.

Why she inspires me: She sought to make a change in the lives of those often ignored in society. She also survived a difficult childhood and achieved her dreams of becoming a writer. Her courage and determination is admirable.

Edith Kermit Roosevelt was the second wife of President Theodore Roosevelt. She raised five children (four boys!) and one step-daughter. She was adamant about protecting the privacy of her family and offered much advice and support to her husband—some of which helped him earn a Nobel Prize. Also of note, Edith was a stubborn woman. She refused to abide by Prohibition because she felt the government had overstepped its boundaries. She served cocktails at parties in her personal home. She also spoke against her own relative's campaign and refused to support future President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Why she inspires me: First of all, she had the spirit to keep with her active family, especially her lively husband. She also had multi-tasking down to an art. She managed the First Family's finances, the renovation of the White House, a large family, and — somehow — found the time to help her hus-



Lynsie Baskin

band in foreign and national matters. I also admire her for standing behind what she believed in.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh was an accomplished woman in several fields. She was the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States. She was a gifted writer who wrote on the meaning of a woman's life. She was a mother of six children, one of whom was kidnapped and killed. It takes a strong woman to cope with such tragedy and a life in the public eye.

Why she inspires me: Her accomplishments are great, but it is her willingness to admit a mistake that is truly inspiring. Her husband was very supportive of Hitler's policy in Germany, and Anne wrote a book that reflected that support. Later, she confessed that she was wrong and that she did not know enough about the subject to write the book. Her humility is a quality I hope to obtain one day.

Jackie Kennedy was, of course, the wife of President John F. Kennedy, a widely-known womanizer. Like Edith Kermit Roosevelt, Jackie worked to keep her family life shaded from the glaring light of publicity. However, no one can forget the images of Mrs. Kennedy following the assassination of her husband. She stood strong and courageous, something the American public needed so desperately following such a tragedy.

Why she inspires me: Jackie

Kennedy is my role model, and there is not enough room in this column for me to explain each reason. For me, Jackie embodies every characteristic of a genuine lady. She was so graceful and beautiful. Her actions following President Kennedy's death are so inspirational. I want nothing more than to be as lady-like and graceful as Jackie.

Elizabeth Eckford was only 15 when she made her mark. As a member of the Little Rock Nine, she walked into a white school as an African American at the height of racial tensions. She faced humiliation and hatred, yet her determination was impressive. She was later recognized with several awards, including the Congressional Gold Medal. She also participated in a reconciliation rally in 1997 with a white classmate visibly shouting at her in a famous photograph.

Why she inspires me: This young woman showed more courage at the age of 15 than most people exhibit in their entire lifetime. Her bravery is still impressive to this day. I cannot comprehend how this young woman handled such a situation as she did. She is truly an inspiration.

Joanne Matuschka is an artist better known by her last name. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1991. She underwent a mastectomy, a fearful procedure. No one can explain her actions better than Matuschka herself: "So I lost a breast, and the world gained an activist." She took a self-portrait that bared her scars from the procedure that appeared on the cover of *New York Times Magazine*.

Why she inspires me: This woman faced such a terrifying diagnosis and surgery, yet she turned her personal tragedy into a compelling campaign that brought attention to the disease. I can only imagine how many women were given hope by Matuschka's bravery. While her photograph is harsh and unsettling, it is also very striking. It is a reminder that women are beautiful no matter the conditions they face.

Oprah Winfrey survived a very troubling childhood to become one of the most famous and influential people in the world. Oprah uses her influence to do so much good in the world. Her Angel Network has helped numerous people, and the recent opening of the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy for Girls in South Africa has created hope for so many young girls in that country. Oprah brings attention to important issues, including the environment and social classes, with her talk show.

Why she inspires me: Oprah is making history! She is a genuinely caring person, and I find that so inspiring. Her leadership academy began as a dream; I realized that with hard work and dedication, I can make my dreams for impacting others a reality. I am in awe of the circumstances of her childhood and all the obstacles she overcame. Oprah is living the American dream, and she is working to make that a possibility for others.

This list is in no way conclusive. There are so many other women that impacted the nation and the world. This March, please remember these courageous women and their actions.



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Features

--Local tunes-- Band uses music as an expression

By Michael McChesney
Staff Reporter

Local bands often float by under the radar, but sometimes those bands are worth giving a shot.

Local band The Voice Of has slid by under the radar for several years now, featuring Jared Deck (keyboard/lead vocals), Jeremy Hicks (rhythm guitar/backup vocals), John Stringer (bass), Justin Ransford (lead guitar/mandolin), and Tim Osborn (drummer).

"Any artistic expression

is an expression of the voice of something or someone," Ransford said.

The band wanted people to know even from their name alone that they are using music as an expression of themselves and their own lives. They strive for originality and try to maintain a unique sound.

They have created an orig-

"It's alternative rock with pop sensibility."

lead guitarist Justin Ransford

inal sound that is a mixture of jazz, U2, and The Flaming Lips. The sound was meshed from learning each other's strengths and weaknesses. They decided that they just wanted to play the kind of music they liked to listen to.

"It's alternative rock with pop sensibility. I guess it is sort of a history collage of rock and roll," said Rans-

ford.

With lyrics mostly written by Deck, the other band members write their own part of the music. The music is written in no particular order and sometimes starts from a bass line. Other times the lyrics are the first to come and the music comes from an expression of the lyrics.

The band just completed recording 14 songs at North Broadway Studio, under the production of Ryan Houck. The CD will be used as a demo to send out to record labels in an attempt to get signed.



The Voice Of

"It is nice to get out of the daily grind of things, and do what you love," Stringer said. "Most people say that it isn't really work if you are just doing what you love."

Their interesting sound is appealing to most every music listener, and with a

CD that is planned to be released sometime this spring the band is definitely worth checking out. A sample of their music and information on when the CD will be released in Weatherford is available at www.myspace.com/hearthevoiceof.

Spotlight on Students

Every week, The Southwestern will spotlight a few students for no better reason than they're really cool. And the reason they're really cool is because they're Bulldogs. So here are some facts about this week's students...

Garrett Scott

Classification: Junior
Major: Biology/Pre-Med
Hometown: Willow

1) What is your hometown best known for?

SWOSU President John Hays

2) What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

Chocolate chip cookie dough

3) How many times did you have to take your driving test before you passed?

Just once

4) Favorite thing about SWOSU.

Small class sizes

5) 3 Things you can't live without.

Phone, baseball and music

6) Who is your idol?

Matt Bartel



7) Favorite item of clothing.

Baseball cap

8) Describe yourself in 3 words.

Quiet, neat, stressed

9) Celebrity you most resemble.

At one time, Drew Carey

10) If you could have any super power, what would it be?

The ability to fly

Kris Bouldin

Classification: Freshman
Major: Psychology
Hometown: Midwest City

1) What is your hometown best known for?

Carl Albert, Titan football & cheer

2) What's your favorite ice cream flavor?

Rocky road

3) How many times did you have to take your driving test before you passed?

Two times

4) Favorite thing about SWOSU.

Everything

5) 3 Things you can't live without.

Cell phone, laptop, family

6) Who is your idol?

My fiancé



7) Favorite item of clothing.

Jeans

8) Describe yourself in 3 words.

Outgoing, funny, crazy

9) Celebrity you most resemble.

Me!

10) If you could have any super power, what would it be?

Shooting spiderwebs from my wrists and swinging through the city.

BULLDOG BITES

What was your worst spring break experience?



"I lost my bathing suit in the water at Shuttle Beach."

Jamie Renfro

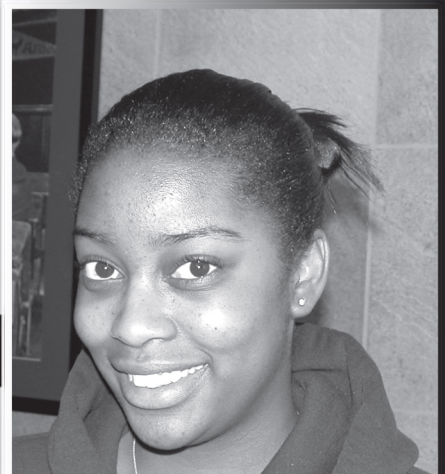
Grad student, community counseling
Oklahoma City



"Last year, I spent it fighting fire. It was fun but it sucked because people's land burned."

Josh Collins, Grad student

Sports management, Hiedley, Texas



"High school senior year. All I did was work and sleep. Boring."

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Rodeo Roundup...

Next rodeo -- March 9 -- Fort Scott

Goodwin places for men's team

Southwestern finished its second rodeo of the 2007 spring season with 125 points. The men competed at the Garden City Community College Rodeo.

Ft. Scott and Oklahoma Panhandle State University each shared team honors with 540 points. The Bulldogs collected 125 points as a team.

Monty Goodwin was again one of the team's top point producers. His second-place ride in the long run was good enough to win him sixth-place in the overall average.

Steve Bader also took home a sixth-

place finish in the bull-riding. Bader was sixth in the long run and did not score in the short round. Still his long-run ride was good enough to place him sixth overall.

Teammate Dustin England was among the top 10 participants, but did not place in either the long run, short run or the average.

In the calf roping event, Matt Fleming was fourth in the long run but did not score in the short round and missed out on placing in the average.

Southwestern will next compete March 9 at the Fort Scott Rodeo.

Edmonson leads women in rodeo

When the final results of the Garden City Community College Rodeo were tallied, Southwestern women were not at or near the top of the leader board.

The Bulldogs managed a season-low 15 points and did not place.

Even with the small total, Southwestern remains in the Central Plains regional race. The Bulldogs are expected to remain in the top five once the new rankings come out.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University won the women's competition with 630 points followed by Fort Hays State in second place with 230 points.

Oklahoma State was third with 180 points.

Brittney Edmondson was the only point producer for SWOSU finishing fifth in the average in the goat-tying event. Edmondson had finished fourth in the short round and ended up in the five slot in the average.

Teammate Michelle Peeples was one of the top competitors that returned for the goat-tying finals. Peeples split fifth and sixth in the long run and did not score in the short round.

Southwestern will next compete March 9 at the Fort Scott Rodeo.



The softball team upset highly-ranked Emporia State to even their record at 8-8 for the year.

Softballers upset Emporia State

Southwestern's new softball team had perhaps its finest moment with a stunning, 9-1 run-ruled victory over third-ranked Emporia State Friday at the University of Central Oklahoma Festival.

The Emporia contest was one of four games the Bulldogs played over a three-day span at Wildhorse Park in Mustang.

The Bulldogs beat Oklahoma Baptist 11-5 in the first game before later losing to Washburn (14-2) and the rematch with Emporia State on Sunday (12-3).

The Bulldogs finished 2-2 on the tournament and kept their record at 8-8 through 16 games.

In the Emporia upset, SWOSU freshman Stacey Creger slammed two home runs and teammate Lacie Keplinger added another as the Bulldogs crushed Emporia with their long-ball

proWess.

Keplinger's three-run homer in the first gave SWOSU a 3-0 lead. Creger then followed with a three-run blast of her own in the third to put the Bulldogs ahead 8-0 after three innings.

Creger then homered in her next at bat and Southwestern took a 9-1 lead and forced the run rule after five innings of play.

Alli Flaman got the win on the mound. She allowed two hits through five innings and retired the first nine batters she faced.

In the opener against OBU, Southwestern took control of the game in the fourth inning after trailing 5-4. April Nash drove in a pair of runs with a double and later scored herself thanks to an RBI single by Creger. Southwestern got two homers, one by Creger and one by Flaman, as they

peppered OBU pitching with 13 hits and 11 runs.

Alex Zukerman picked up the win in relief for SWOSU. She went six and one-third innings and allowed just two runs. She scattered six hits and struck out five batters to improve to 4-2 on the year.

Fortune was not as kind the following games as Southwestern lost 14-2 to Washburn. The Lady Blues beat them for the third time in as many tries.

In the final game against Emporia, Southwestern again started quickly taking a 3-2 lead on Flaman's three-run homer in the first. It was her sixth of the year and put her one behind tying the all-time school record for home runs in a season with seven.

That was all the offense that could be generated as the Bulldogs went quietly in the final four innings losing 12-3.

Bulldogs earn first victories in big way

Sweep Eastern New Mexico in four games

Southwestern secured its first baseball win of the season, and in doing so, won three more for good measure sweeping a four-game series against Eastern New Mexico University.

SWOSU defeated ENMU by scores of 14-7, 18-8, 7-2 and 8-6.

The victories improved the Bulldogs overall record to 4-9 on the year. They will play a Tuesday doubleheader at St. Gregory's before playing host to nationally-ranked Abilene Christian Friday and Saturday in Weatherford. First pitch for both ACU doubleheaders will begin at 12 p.m.

Newcomer, Tristan Cummings, was the offensive star for the Bulldogs. The Fort Hays State transfer had 10 hits in 16 at bats for a .625 average. He drove in five runs, including a key home run in the fourth and final game.

Sophomore Gabe Winn was the top pitcher for the Bulldogs as he went the distance in a 7-2 win in game three. Winn pitched seven innings, allowed just two runs, one of which was unearned while scattering eight hits. He struck out four and walked two batters to raise his record to 1-2 on the year.

In the first game, Ryan Pease delivered the biggest hit for the Bulldogs. Trail- ing, 7-5 with one out in the sixth inning, Pease came up with a bases-loaded double



Ryan Starzenski and the Bulldogs are now on a four-game winning streak.

that scored three runs putting the Southwestern in front 8-7.

Turns out all eight runs were needed as pitcher Jeff Keller fought through some rough stretches but still managed to secure his first win of the season.

Keller threw six innings, allowed nine hits and seven runs, all of which were earned. He struck out one batter and walked three before giving way to reliever Dakota Streber in the seventh inning.

In the second game, Sean Rogers tied a school record with a pair of triples. Rogers was three-for-five with five RBIs. His bases-loaded triple in the fifth put the Bulldogs ahead 15-5 on their way to an easy 18-8 win.

Chris Morrison picked up the win working six innings. He allowed eight runs on 13 hits and struck out three

batters while walking four. His record evened at 1-1.

Southwestern started with a 6-0 lead in game three thanks in part to several fielding miscues by the Greyhounds. The Bulldogs ended with seven runs.

The Bulldogs took advantage of an extra opportunity granted to them in the final game. Southwestern was ahead 4-3 entering the sixth when Cummings reached base with two outs after a dropped third strike. Blain Perkins then followed with a single and Kenny Hare blasted a two-run homer to put them ahead 8-3. They went on to win 8-6.

Ty Pool picked up the win on the mound pitching six and one-third innings. He allowed six runs, four of which were earned, scattered nine hits and struck out two batters to improve to 1-3 on the year.

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Senior ends career as school mascot

By Stefani Lamb
Staff Reporter

Laura Leigh Altom, an elementary education major from Blair, spent much of her senior year behind a mask.

Altom tried out in September and was awarded the role of Brandy the Bulldog. Altom was part of the spirit squad that cheered during home football and basketball games.

"It was always a dream

of mine to do this, and I am really glad I got the opportunity," Altom said. She was never a mascot in high school. However, she started taking gymnastics when she was 4 years old. She also cheered for

seven years.

Altom is sad that her experience as Brandy has come to an end. Although, she would be more than happy to help out whoever is chosen as next year's Brandy.

Cheer and Pom tryouts set for March 30

By Ashley King
Staff Reporter

Southwestern's Cheer and Pom squad tryouts are set for March 30-31.

The two-day event will take place at Rankin Williams Fieldhouse. All candidates are required to attend the clinic.

"Anybody who wants to promote team spirit and has a lot of enthusiasm

is encouraged to try out," said Pam Nichols, pom and cheer adviser.

On the first night, pom squad tenders will learn a 45-second dance, a chant, and varied jumps and kicks. Those trying out for cheer squad will be taught a group cheer, a chant and the Southwestern fight song.

Each candidate will also need to prepare a 30-45 second cheer, Nichols said.

The next day, pom tryouts will be-

gin at 9:30 a.m. The cheer tryouts will follow at 12:30 p.m. Eight spots are available, with one alternate for each of the squads.

Members may qualify for a \$200 a semester fee waiver as well as a waiver for a semi-private room in the dorms.

Squads will perform at all home football and basketball games during the 2007-2008 school year.

Students can contact Nichols at 774-3068 for additional information.

Perry gains more recognition

Bulldog earns newcomer-of-the year award

Southwestern basketball star Nate Perry was chosen as the Lone Star Conference Newcomer-of-the-Year for the North Division.

Perry, a 6-6 junior center from Racine, Wis., also earned second-team LSC North honors, according to votes cast by division's seven head coaches.

Perry has been one of the key players in the resurgent Bulldogs 17-9 season. He leads the team in five offensive categories including points (13.9 ppg.), rebounds (6.7 rpg.), field goal percentage (.605), steals (51) and blocks (14).

He has had five games in which he has recorded double figures in both scoring and rebounding. He previously played at Arizona's Mesa Community College.

Southwestern had two other players earn honor-

able mention all-conference. They were Reggie Gunn and Clarke Hale.

Gunn, a 6-2 senior guard from Okolona, Miss., is the team's fifth leading-

scorer averaging more than 10.3 points per game. He has been a two year starter since transferring from Itawamba Junior College. Gunn has scored more than 600 points and made more than 80 three-point baskets in his career at Southwestern.

Hale, a 6-2 sophomore guard from Azle, Texas, averaged more than 13 points per game while being one of the top three-point shooting threats in the conference.

He has made 62-of-150 threes for 41.3 percent. Hale played one season at Collin County Community College in Texas before transferring to Southwestern this year.



SWOSU Men's season ends

Knocked out first round of playoffs

Southwestern's inspiring basketball season came to an emphatic end as the undersized Bulldogs were overwhelmed by top-seeded Midwestern State University. The game was played in the first round of the Lone Star Conference Tournament.

In the first half, Southwestern played from behind from the outset after MSU got out of the gate with a 7-2 start.

Hale drained a three-pointer and Reggie Gunn followed inside with a put back and to bring Southwestern to within three at 26-23 with eight minutes remaining in the half. The Bulldogs then went scoreless in the next four minutes allowing the Mustangs to run

a string of 15 unanswered points go ahead 41-23.

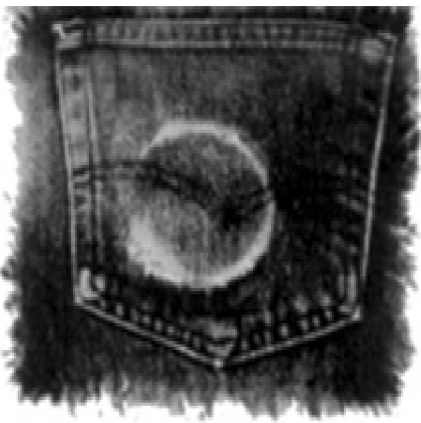
Southwestern put together a gutsy second-half effort that saw them out of a 19-point hole. Michael Sampson had some inspired plays off the bench to lead the Bulldogs' surge.

Clarke Hale had 17 points to lead the Bulldogs who fought through an erratic shooting night. Sampson had 11 points and Nate Perry added 10 for the Bulldogs who managed 67 points.

Southwestern missed costly front ends of a one-and-one and turning the ball over at critical times.

Southwestern finished its first-year under coach Todd Thurman with a record of 17-10, an eight-game improvement from 2005-06.

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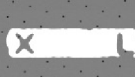
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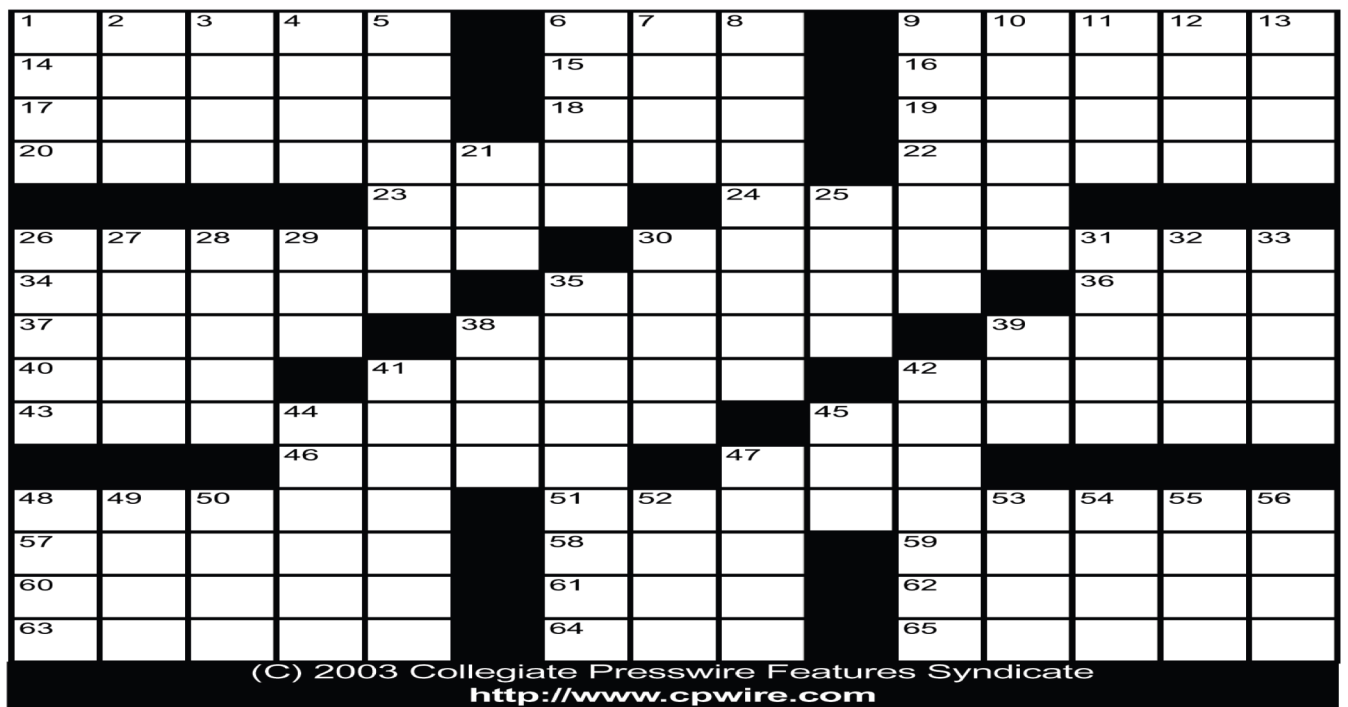


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1. Slain nurse
6. Angry
9. Frills on a shirt
14. Happen
15. Climber
16. Christian love
17. Related to a chimp
18. Prefix
19. Golden times
20. Cathartic
22. Sausage
23. One, two, three, etc.
24. Spruce
26. Type of cigar
30. Designers
34. Pertaining to the third degree
35. Turn the other one!
36. North Chinese Dynasty
37. Augury
38. Husband
39. Biting comment
40. _____ Alamos, NM
41. What kind of bird gets worm
42. Male name meaning spear carrier
43. Dire
45. Relating to the main trunk of the heart
46. Computer's _____ and bytes
47. Question
48. Bundle of wheat
51. Noggins
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58. 100 square meters
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60. Era
61. Used to create roofs
62. Rumors
63. Present is one
64. Rude
65. Winter vehicles

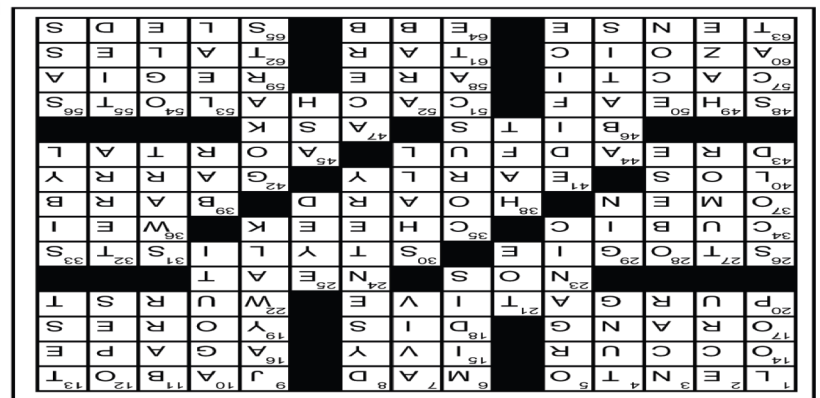
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4. Drying oil used in varnishes



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5. Fundamental
6. Type of dress
7. Israel: _____ Aviv
8. Montezuma's revenge
9. Cross in middle of the block
10. A rat
11. The original Roseanne
12. Op of closes
13. Frivolous mood
21. Digit
25. Leered
26. Reprimand
27. A swelling
28. More than hefty
29. Card game
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31. Dark complected
32. _____ firma
33. A prophetess
35. Sparkle
38. A handle
39. Conceal
41. An imposing structure
42. Small gas-powered vehicles
44. Barbed wire barricade
45. Remains of fire
47. Bitter
48. Ella Fitzgerald specialty



49. What some frats do
50. Course in supply and demand
52. Middle Eastern
53. True
54. Stare at
55. No winner
56. Lip

Sudoku

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